

Report Research FS committee

The Research Committee met on January 18, 2024, and February 12, 2024.

- **Budget and meeting scheduling**

Reminder: The applications for the Summer Research Awards will be reviewed by March 30th for Summer Research Awards and April 1st for Quinlan, Research Committee Funding, and Research Scholar Awards.

- **Changes in General Procedure**

Discussions are ongoing to decide if the frequency of meetings for the Quinlan, Research Funding, Summer Research, and Research Scholar awards should be modified, as well as the distribution of the funding, as different academic units may have different schedules for attendance at meetings and conferences.

Applications may be reviewed as they are submitted, for early ranking, and the frequency of evaluation and awarding meetings may be increased.

The committee voted on its inability to reach decisions for awarding support based on availability of matching funds, as the committee members have no access to information related to college/department providing matching funds.

After evaluation of the current policies, the committee decided to start discussions for potential new deadlines, limits, funding limitations, and changes to the awards.

To accomplish these various tasks 4 sub-committees are being created.

Current composition and tasks of the Sub-Committees:

1. Rubrics and decision making – This subcommittee will create a better rubric or system of criteria to select applicants (Dr. Richard Egleton, Dr. Philippe Georgel)
2. Policies/Protocols – this subcommittee will review the policies and protocols for awarding funding. The assigned tasks include reviewing the candidates' credentials and compliance with award rules. and to ensure recipients are aware the reimbursement process. (Dr. James Stamm, Dr. Julie Snyder-Yuli)
3. Revised dates – This subcommittee will research the past funding schedule and will examine how we can potentially change the awarding cycle to 3 or 4 times a year, rather than 2. (Dr. Shane Welch, Dr. "Virginia" Huaqing Liang)
4. Funding Opportunities – This subcommittee will look at ways to enhance funding for these awards or for additional awards (Dr. Michael Corrigan).

The agenda for the sub-committees should address the following points:

Note that historically the \$500.00 awarded for Quinlan was established in 1986 (in 2024, this would be equivalent to \$1,300). It was suggested that the amounts for the Quinlan awards should be increased to possibly \$1,000.

The Research Committee feels that it cannot fulfill its mission with the current level of funding and would like to request support from the Administration to explore options to improve the situation.

Research Committee (report from liaison, Philippe Georgel)

- **Current Applications**

The current application breakdown is as follows. It was also noted that one application listed co-presenters.

- i. Quinlan – 6 applications – 3 COB; 2 COLA; 1 CECS
- ii. Research Funding – 1 COLA
- iii. Summer Scholar – 1 COS
- iv. Research Scholar – 0